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ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX DOWN 6 POINTS

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The January All Farm Products index for Minnesota was down 6 points from December.

The Crops index for January dropped 4 points from December. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for January averaged \$5.43 per bushel, a decrease of 13 cents from the December price. Corn decreased 4 cents from December to a January price of \$1.93 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index decreased 3 points from last month. The all hog price for December was \$52.50 per cwt., an increase of 30 cents from the December price. The all beef cattle price for January was \$76.70, an increase of \$1.20 from the December price.

The Dairy Products index was down 12 points from last month. The all milk price for January, at \$16.00 per cwt., was down \$1.10 from December.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.		-----Minnesota-----	
	Jan 2005 1/	Jan 2004 2/	Dec 2004 2/	Jan 2005 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	2.37	3/	2.00	1.99
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	27.00	21.00	3/	3/
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	1.98	2.28	1.97	1.93
Hay, All, Baled, ton	84.20	67.00	71.00	73.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	90.90	72.00	75.00	79.00
Other, Baled, ton	70.60	53.00	55.00	56.00
Oats, bu	1.51	1.47	1.46	1.41
Potatoes, cwt	5.35	5.15	5.55	5.45
Soybeans, bu	5.32	7.53	5.56	5.43
Sunflowers, All, cwt	13.80	13.10	16.70	3/
Wheat, All, bu	3.42	3.75	3.29	3.33
Calves, cwt	123.00	105.00	109.00	110.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/	89.10	73.50	75.50	76.70
Cows, cwt, 6/	50.00	48.70	50.60	51.00
Steers & Heifers, cwt	94.20	80.90	82.50	84.00
Milk Cows, head 7/	1,620.00	1,350.00	--	1,530.00
Hogs, All, cwt	53.00	37.20	52.20	52.50
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	53.30	37.30	52.20	52.50
Sows, cwt	45.70	29.10	46.40	48.00
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	90.60	98.80	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	34.30	39.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	15.90	13.40	17.10	16.00
Eggs, Table Market, doz	0.37	0.83	0.43	0.36

1/ Preliminary 2/ Entire month data 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms 4/ Price not set at the US level 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

MINNESOTA INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1977=100)

Commodities	U.S.*		-----Minnesota-----	
	Jan 2005 1/	Jan 2004 2/	Dec 2004 2/	Jan 2005 1/
All Farm Products	110	137	139	133
Crops	100	132	111	107
Meat Animals	120	139	168	165
Dairy Products	122	152	194	182
Poultry & Eggs	122	126	103	99

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

*1990-92=100 reference replaces 1977 = 100 beginning Jan. 1995.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005
Prices Received	114	112	111	110
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	129	130	133	134
Parity Ratio 1/	88	86	83	82

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1982-84=100: December 2003 184.3 December 2004 190.3



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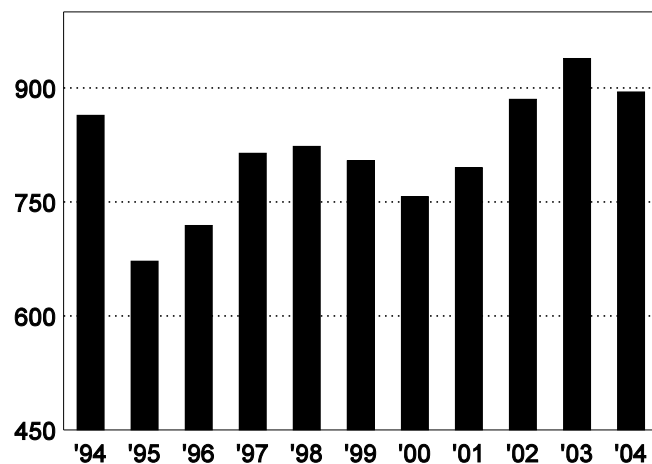
CORN, GREEN PEAS, CARROTS, AND ONION PRODUCTION ALL DECREASED IN 2004

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota's 2004 production was estimated at 894,590 tons, a decrease of 44,210 tons from the 2003 production. The average yield of 6.61 tons per acre was a 0.12 ton per acre decrease from 2003. Planted acreage was estimated at 138,000 acres compared to 142,200 acres in 2003. Harvested acreage of 135,400 acres was 4,000 acres less than the previous year. Average value^{1/} per ton was \$72.50 compared to \$64.50 in 2003.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota's 2004 production was estimated at 99,080 tons, a decrease of 59,030 tons from 2003. The average yield of 1.46 tons per acre was a 0.47 ton per acre below the previous years yield. Planted acreage in 2004 was estimated at 71,700 acres which was 17,000 acres less than the previous year. Harvested acreage decreased to 68,000 acres compared with 81,800 acres in 2003. Average value^{1/} per ton was \$294.00, a \$6.00 per ton increase from 2003.

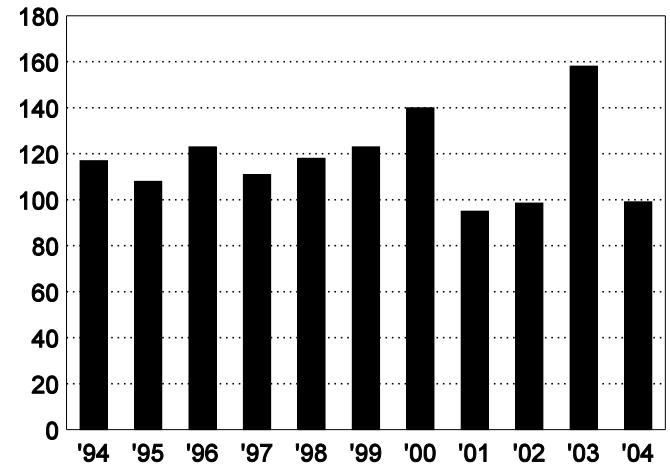
Minnesota Sweet Corn Production

Thousand Tons



Minnesota Green Pea Production

Thousand Tons



CARROTS FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota's 2004 production was estimated at 3,010 tons, a decrease of 18,090 tons from the previous year's production. The average yield of 18.81 tons per acre was a 6.0 ton per acre decrease from 2003. Planted acreage was estimated at 800 acres which was 100 acres less than in 2003. Harvested acreage at 160 acres was 690 acres less than 2003. This was due to flooding in the Hollandale, MN area. Average value^{1/} per ton was \$55.50 per ton, which was up \$2.10 per ton from 2003.

ONIONS FOR FRESH MARKET: Minnesota's 2004 production, including shrinkage and loss, was estimated at 48,000 cwt, a decrease of 17,000 cwt from the previous year's production. The shrinkage and loss was estimated at 10,000 cwt for 2004. The average yield for the state was 320 cwt per acre which was a 10 cwt per acre increase from 2003. Planted acreage was estimated at 300 acres which was 20 acres more than 2003. Harvested acreage of 150 acres was 60 acres below the previous year. Average value per cwt was \$6.40, down \$2.85 per cwt from 2003.

^{1/} Value includes price received by the producer plus expenses incurred by the processor to get the commodity to the processing plant door.

MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORY UNCHANGED, U.S. INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory is 2,400,000 head on January 1, 2005. This is unchanged from January 1, 2004 inventory. The U.S. inventory at 95.8 million head is up 1 percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 855,000 head on January 1, 2005, 1 percent below last year. Beef cows in the state, at 395,000 head, are unchanged and milk cows, at 460,000 head, are down 1 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved are 42.1 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 33.06 million head, are up 1 percent from January 1, 2004 and milk cows, at 9.01 million head, are up slightly from last year.

ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2005 as % of 2004	(Millions)		2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
All Cattle & Calves	2,400	2,400	100	94.88	95.85	101
All Cows	860	855	99	41.85	42.06	101
Beef Cows	395	395	100	32.86	33.06	101
Milk Cows	465	460	99	8.99	9.01	100
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	570	555	97	19.34	19.67	102
Beef Replacement Heifers	100	95	95	5.52	5.75	104
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3.49	3.59	103
Milk Replacement Heifers	280	270	96	4.02	4.13	103
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2.76	2.83	103
Other Heifers	190	190	100	9.80	9.79	100
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	450	440	98	16.28	16.51	101
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	35	40	114	2.21	2.22	101
Heifers, Steers, & Bulls Under 500 Lbs.	485	510	105	15.21	15.38	101
Cattle & Calves on Feed	310	290	107	13.81	13.75	100
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Calf Crop	850	830	98	37.90	37.63	99

MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

Minnesota's January 1, 2005 sheep and lamb inventory is up 4 percent from last year to 145,000 head. Breeding stock numbers were unchanged at 100,000. The remaining inventory of 45,000 market lambs and sheep increased 1 percent from last year.

Minnesota's 2004 lamb crop totaled 135,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The 2004 lambing rate was 169 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2004, compared with 159 per 100 ewes in 2003.

Of the 45,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 44,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 9,000; 65-84 pounds: 11,000; 85-105 pounds: 13,000; over 105 pounds: 11,000.

MINNESOTA'S WOOL PRICE UP 7 CENTS FROM 2003

Minnesota's 2004 wool output decreased 4 percent with production totaling 910,000 pounds compared with 950,000 pounds in 2003. Minnesota ranked 12th in 2004 U.S. wool production.

There were 140,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2004, unchanged from 2003. Fleece weight averaged 6.5 pounds, down from 6.8 the previous year.

Value of the state's 2004 wool production was \$337,000, up 18 percent from the previous year's value of \$285,000. Average price per pound for 2004 was 37 cents, up 7 cents from the 2003 price.

DECEMBER EGG OUTPUT UP SLIGHTLY IN STATE

Minnesota layers produced 250 million eggs during December 2004 versus 249 million in December 2003. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.70 billion eggs in December, up 2% from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - DECEMBER

		2003	2004
Total Eggs Produced	MN	249 Mil.	250 Mil.
	U.S.	7,520 Mil.	7,699 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	11.1 Mil.	11.1 Mil.
	U.S.	338.2 Mil.	344.5 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,233	2,254
	U.S.	2,223	2,235
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (December)			
Egg-Type	MN	1.1 Mil.	0.8 Mil.
	U.S.	33.6 Mil.	37.0 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	780.1 Mil.	793.0 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)		2004	2005
Egg-Type	WNC*	7.3 Mil.	6.9 Mil.
	U.S.	31.7 Mil.	34.4 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	21.7 Mil.	22.8 Mil.
	U.S.	637.0 Mil.	650.7 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Placed (December)		2003	2004
	WNC*	8.9 Mil.	8.7 Mil.
	U.S.	23.4 Mil.	22.2 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)		2004	2005
	WNC*	10.5 Mil.	10.6 Mil.
	U.S.	28.4 Mil.	28.2 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

GOAT INVENTORY

Goat data provided in this report are results of the first annual goat survey. All milk goats inventory in Minnesota on January 1, 2005, totaled 5,800 head and all meat/other goats inventory totaled 8,000 head.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 2.5 million head. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.1 million head and market goats totaled 0.4 million head. On January 1, 2005, meat and all other goats totaled 1.97 million head, milk goats totaled 283,500 head and angora goats totaled 274,000 head. The 2004 kid crop was 1.67 million head for all goats.

Mohair production in the United States during 2004 was 1.94 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 269,500 head. Average weight per clip was 7.2 pounds. Mohair price was 1.97 per pound with a value of 3.8 million dollars.

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